

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/881,748

Filing Date: June 18, 2001

First Named Inventor: Kunio SHIOTA

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: John S. Brusca

Confirmation Number: 8762

Attorney Docket Number: 04853.0074-00000

Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [Date]_____.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date]_____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment and Response (17 pages);
- ii. ☒ Petition for Four Month Extension of Time (1 page);
- iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2 pages); and
- iv. ☒ IDS Form PTO-SB-08 (1 page).

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

- i. ☒ \$790.00 fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (4 Months) \$1,590.00

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$2,380.00 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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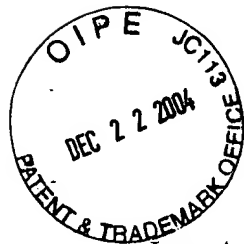
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kunio SHIOTA et al.

Application No.: 09/881,748

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING
CELLS USING DNA
METHYLATION PATTERNS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action ("Final Action") mailed December 24, 2003. Applicants filed an Amendment in response to the Final Action on May 19, 2004. An Advisory Action was mailed on May 28, 2004, indicating that the Amendment of May 19, 2004, was not entered. Together with a Petition for Four Month Extension of Time and fee, the present Amendment and Response is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 2-6.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 7.